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Sex education to include criminal component

State Senate to students: Sex registry snares teen offenders, too

LANSING – Faced with a prison sentence and 25 years on the state sex offender registry, teenaged students need to know the potential outcomes of the choices they make, said state Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-Owosso.

“We teach safe sex to kids in today’s schools, but we fail to fully inform them of the consequences they face for underage sexual activity,” Cropsey said. “This legislation requires schools to instruct students about the criminal penalties that may be imposed for underage sex.”

Cropsey’s amendment to an education funding bill passed the Senate today. The bill now goes to conference with the state House, where Cropsey expects it to be kept in the final version.

“The simple fact is that the sex offender registry does not discriminate between child-stalking, 40- and 50-year-old pedophiles and the proverbial 16-year-old who has sex with his 15-year-old girlfriend – even though they’re a week apart in age, and gets prosecuted for it,” Cropsey said.

“Those young people, especially young men, need to know that their names will be posted on the Internet for a quarter of a century, and that they face embarrassment for a very long time if they get caught.”